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4. (ONCE AMENDED) A casing comprising:

a base, a pair of side walls and a rear wall all formed from a single sheet of material,

such that when assembled each side wall adjoins one side of the rear wall;

a cutout formed in each of the side walls in a region where the side wall adjoins the rear wall; and

a pair of hook-like extensions extending from the rear wall at positions corresponding to the cutouts such that when assembled, each hook-like extension snaps into a cutout.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Claims 1-4 are pending and under consideration.

The sole outstanding issue in this application is an indefiniteness rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to address the Examiner's concern and provide antecedent basis for the recitations relating to the top rear corner. It is believed to be substantially self-explanatory with regard to how the concerns are addressed.

It is submitted that the indefiniteness rejection should be withdrawn. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the following claims:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A mechanical connection comprising:

a sheet metal casing having a base part, a pair of side walls and a rear wall such that when assembled, each side wall adjoins one side of the rear wall, each side wall having a top rear corner in a region displaced from the base part and adjacent to where the side wall joins the rear wall when assembled, the base part, the pair of side walls and the rear wall all being formed from a single sheet-metal part;

a cutout formed in each of the side walls in the region of the top rear corner;

an angled section formed on the rear wall; and

hook-like extensions provided at sides of the angled section, which hook-like extensions snap into the cutouts of the side walls when the rear wall is swung into position.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) A casing comprising:

a base, a pair of side walls and a rear wall all formed from a single sheet of material, such that when assembled each side wall [is adjacent to]adjoins one side of the rear wall;

a cutout formed in each of the side walls in [the]a region [of the] where the side wall adjoins the rear wall; and

a pair of hook-like extensions extending from the rear wall at positions corresponding to the cutouts such that when assembled, each hook-like extension snaps into a cutout.